



THE PROPAGATOR

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UPCOMING GSARA MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the GSARA will be held on **Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 PM** at the Fort Monmouth MARS building. The second meeting in February will be on **Wednesday, February 18 at 7:30 PM** at the **American Red Cross - Regional Office**, 1540 West Park Avenue, Tinton Falls, New Jersey. The guest speaker will be Randy Kulzer, N2CUG talking about work with APRS and a portable tracking station. Don't miss it! Guests are always welcome.

FORT MONMOUTH PASSES

To get an updated yellow sheet good for the next 6 months, you must go to the visitor center at the east entrance on Oceanport Ave. Be sure to have your driver's license, car registration and record of insurance. The center is only open weekdays during business hours. If any club member did not have a pass in the past year, but would like to get a pass issued for the coming twelve months, contact Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ at w2xyz@arrl.net or call him at 732-942-7705. It is only after the data is in the computer that you can pick up the pass at the Oceanport visitor center.

FREE TRIP TO DAYTON 2009

A **\$10 donation** to the North America DX Association, Inc. (NADXA, Inc.) will allow each donating person an opportunity to earn an **all expense paid trip** to the **2009 Annual Bus Trip** to the **Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, OH** May 14-17, 2009. Send your donation to **NADXA, Inc., PO Box 357, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720**.

The odds of being selected will be restricted to one in 75 and the numbers will be drawn on March 29, 2009. For further information contact: nadxa@juno.com. Thank you.

BARBADOS DX-PEDITION

GSARA members Joe, W2KQ; Frank, W2XYZ; and Mike, KC2Q will be going to Barbados to operate a DX-pedition from February 15 to the 21st. They will be operating AP9KP, AP0FW, and AP9MD on CW, SSB, and PSK31. Members are encouraged to work them. To that end, there will be a special evening on Thursday, February 19 at 7:30 PM where the MARS station will be opened and any members will have a chance to contact the Barbados station(s). All participants are required to get on a list to gain admittance to Fort Monmouth for this event. Contact Frank, W2XYZ to get on the list.

Friday, January 23, Jim, K2EI; Howard, W2HTS; Joe, W2KQ and Frank, W2XYZ put up a Carolina Windom at the MARS station. It's orientated to favor Barbados. Thanks to these volunteers, the MARS station is all set for February 19.

Frank, W2XYZ spoke to a ham on 20 meters from Barbados. His call is 8P6QA and his name is Emerson. He extended a greeting to the GSARA operators when they get to Barbados on Feb. 15, 2009. He said to call him (from time to time) on the local repeater 146.91 when we get to the Island.

He also mentioned IRLP #145230 or 334011 for ECHOLINK. At any rate, the call N2AMB-L is the call for that link. The owner, named Alwyn, lives in Brooklyn & Barbados. He is in Brooklyn now but may be in Barbados in February.

If you have HF capability at home, be sure to listen for the GSARA gang in Barbados between February 15 and 25. If you can't get on HF, then plan to be at the MARS building at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 19 and join the fun. Remember, your GSARA pass will not let you in on Thursday. You must get your name on the list through Frank.

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PROPAGATOR AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

Would you like to help the finances of GSARA and at the same time get your issue of *The Propagator* a few days earlier? You can get every issue e-mailed to your computer every month by simply giving your e-mail address to Josh Gluck, KC2TKK and request *The Propagator* electronically. Josh's e-mail address is <kc2tkk@gardenatateara.org>.

BADGES AND PATCHES

All new GSARA members get a name badge. However, you may order additional ones by getting a Badge Order Form from our Secretary, **Bob Buus, W2OD**, filling it out and turning it in to Bob with your \$5.00 payment.

We also now have patches available at all meetings and they cost \$3.

OUTGOING QSL CARDS

If any GSARA members wish to combine their QSL cards that are going through the outgoing ARRL Bureau, please bring them to the next GSARA meeting along with the label from a recent QST Magazine (you must be an ARRL member to participate in this program). We then send them as a group at no charge to GSARA members. It couldn't be much easier than that to QSL. You are registered at the W2 incoming bureau, aren't you?

PROPAGATOR NOW ON THE WEB

The *Propagator* is available as a PDF file at:

<http://gardenstateara.files.wordpress.com/2009/01/propjan9.pdf>

It is installed on the web about two weeks after the direct mailing to members.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Volunteerism seems alive and well with the GSARA. Bill, NJ2H wrote a great press release regarding the class at the Red Cross. Our webmaster, Josh, KC2TKK now has the able assistance of Samuel, W2SHS to back him up as necessary. Then we have Jim, K2EI; Howard, W2HTS; Joe, W2KQ and Frank, W2XYZ putting up a Carolina Windom so we can get into Barbados from the MARS station. We had sufficient volunteers guided by Jeff, N2LXM to conduct the class and VE exam at the Red Cross. Finally, we had Bob, AC2Z and Frank, W2XYZ installing a radio in a Red Cross vehicle. It's been a busy month!

Hats off also to Randy Kulzer, N2CUG for offering to talk at our February 18 meeting about the interesting work he has been doing with packet and building a portable tracker. I'm looking forward to seeing what he has done. By the way, if you have any ideas for future programs, please let one of the club officers know about it.

Rich Krohn has agreed to speak on the second meeting in May. We should think about what we want him to discuss and pass it along to him that he might have time to prepare it.

If you are interested in obtaining a [gardenstateara.org](mailto:gc2tkk@gardenstateara.org) email address which will give you webmail and POP3/SMTP access, please send an email to Josh at gc2tkk@gardenstateara.org with your First Name, Last Name, and Call Sign. Your email address call_sign@gardenstateara.org will be created and the login information sent back to the email address your request came from.

Remember if you change your e-mail address; please be sure to inform Josh Gluck, KC2TKK.

As always, I appreciate feedback or material for *The Propagator*. The deadline for the March issue is February 18.

73 de Bob, w2od@arrl.net

GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.monmouth.com/~gsara>

GSARA CALENDAR

<http://www.monmouth.com/~gsara/calendr.htm>

MINUTES OF JANUARY 7 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at the Fort Monmouth MARS building at 7:40 PM. There were 14 members and one guest present. The guest was Phyllis Torrance of Neptune. After the pledge to the Flag, all members introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December meetings were published in the January Propagator. A motion was made by Peggy Struening and seconded by Donna, KC2GKQ to accept the minutes of the December meetings as published in the January Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ presented his report for December. The report was accepted unanimously.

Health and Welfare

A moment of silence was observed for silent key Dan Bertollette, KC2OQY from Ocean.

Old Business

Jeff, N2LXM reported that an inventory of GSARA equipment in the MARS building was completed for the downstairs studios and will finish with the upstairs storage rooms after the meeting. The list will be forwarded to Bob, W2OD for the official record.

Jim, W2EI and Joe, W2KQ will be meeting with Fort Monmouth officials on January 9 regarding access to the MARS building in the future.

The Red Cross has completed the hole in the wall of the radio room to bring in antenna feed lines. We can now move the radio equipment from the old temporary radio room to the new one.

The Red Cross will be conducting a Disaster Institute on January 19 to 24. GSARA has agreed to conduct a 1-day amateur radio class on Saturday, the 24th that would include a VE session at the end of the day. Jeff, N2LXM will run the class (help would be appreciated). We need a VEC for the exam session. Candidates include Mario, N2PVP; Pat, N2BZD; and Ed, WA2NDA. We also need some VEs. Joe, W2KQ; Randy, N2CUG; Frank, W2XYZ; and Jeff, N2LXM offered to help. The

Red Cross has ordered 20 books for this course and has 12 people signed up already.

New Business

GSARA members Joe, W2KQ; Frank, W2XYZ; and Mike, KC2Q will be going to Barbados to operate a DX-pedition from February 15 to the 21st. Much of the antennas and gear are already in place and licenses have been obtained. They will be operating AP9KP, AP0FW, and AP9MD on CW, SSB, and PSK31. Members are encouraged to work them.

A question was brought up as to how we might get more young people interested in amateur radio. Several suggestions were made including arranging talks and demonstrations at local schools, providing simple kits that kids can build, and elmering anyone showing interest.

Announcements

Bill Shockley, NJ2H has volunteered to provide public relations for GSARA. It was suggested that some of the local papers such as The Coaster, The Link, The Coast Star, and The Independent might be easier to get stories into than the major newspapers.

Randy, N2CUG is playing with APRS and has built a small, portable tracker. He has agreed to give a talk about it at our February 18 meeting at the Red Cross.

Saturday, January 10 is the 63rd anniversary of Project Diana. On that day, OMARC will be operating N2MO from the Diana site in Wall. Listen for them.

The Old Barney Amateur Radio Club is operating a special event station commemorating the 150th birthday of the Old Barney Lighthouse. This will go on for the first 3 months of 2009. Listen for N2OB/150 as various OBARC members operate from their homes.

Closing

A door prize of \$16 was won by Jeff, N2LXM. There being no further business, a motion was made by Peg Struening and seconded by Laura, N2HGI to close the meeting which was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

HUDSON DIVISION HOME PAGE

<http://www.hudson.arrl.org>

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ called the meeting to order at the Red Cross building at 7:35 PM. There were 18 members and 3 guests present. The guests were Phyllis Torrance of Neptune, Kurt Weirich, K2URT of Piscataway, Rich Krohn, N2SMV of Manalapan, and Adrienne Hourihan. After the pledge to the Flag, all members introduced themselves.

Guest Speaker

Kurt Weirich, K2URT was our guest speaker. He is with the American Red Cross Disaster Communications and talked about how amateur radio fits in with the Red Cross communications needs. The National Red Cross has 12 Emergency Communication Response Vehicles and many 47 MHz base/mobile systems. They also have cell phone caches and will be getting GPS vehicle tracking and data communications capabilities. Amateur Radio is needed to fill in the gaps and provide backup.

Kurt also pointed out that background checks for volunteers are not going to go away. A criminal background check and social security number are required of all volunteers. The GSARA interaction with the Red Cross does not require all members to submit to a background check, however.

Old Business

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Jim, W2EI and Joe, W2KQ met with Fort Monmouth officials on January 9 regarding access to the MARS building in the future. Further meetings will be required.

The 1-day amateur radio class at the Red Cross Disaster Institute on January 24 is ready to go. The books are in, Ed, WA2NDA will be the VEC and Bill, NJ2H has written a press release which is on the GSARA web site.

New Business

NNJ Section Manager Rich Krohn, N2SMV offered to talk to GSARA at a future meeting. He also announced a meeting for all Monmouth County RACES/ARES members on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 PM at the Monmouth County OEM in Freehold. For security purposes, they must know who is coming in advance.

Announcements

Bob, W2OD announced that K1AA will be on the air January 23 and 24 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first rescue at sea using wireless when the Florida rammed the Republic. Thousands of lives were saved through the use of Marconi wireless equipment.

Closing

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jeff, N2LXM and seconded by Donna, KC2GKQ to close the meeting which was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

RED CROSS CLASS SUCCESSFUL

The press release written by Bill, NJ2H appeared in the Asbury Park Press prior to the class. A big THANK YOU for Bill's efforts.

Jeff, N2LXM did a super job of teaching 16 students. Only 14 of them wanted to take the test. Of the 14 applicants, 10 passed. All were given an application for joining GSARA. A big THANK YOU to Jeff and all of the VEs for making this happen.

Bob, AC2Z and Frank, W2XYZ installed another radio in a Red Cross vehicle. The Red Cross now has a Low-Band VHF radio in both of their 4 wheel drive vehicles.

NEW GSARA HOMEPAGE

<http://www.gardenstateara.org>

This is our new homepage under construction.

ASSISTANT WEB MASTER APPOINTED

President Frank, W2XYZ has appointed Samuel Suffill, W2SHS as Assistant Webmaster. This should better assure timely distribution of the Propagator in the rare case whereby Josh, KC2TKK is unavailable at the distribution time near the end of the month.

HOLLINGSWORTH REPLACEMENT

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

A 1990 graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Smith began her legal career with the FCC, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith is currently licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1998, Smith left the FCC to become Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for the Industrial Telecommunications Association, (ITA) now Enterprise Wireless Alliance. In that role, she monitored FCC and legislative proceedings and participated in all regulatory proceedings relevant to the private wireless industry. In 2001, Smith became ITA's President and Chief Executive Officer. While in that position, she was instrumental in the formation of the Consensus Group, a group of public safety and private wireless entities responsible for drafting the "Consensus Plan," a proposed resolution for interference in the 800 MHz band; this was adopted by the FCC in 2004.

Smith returns to the FCC after serving with the Maryland law firm of Shulman Rogers. While there, she dealt with telecommunications matters and provided counsel to numerous entities in the private radio and public safety communities. Smith has served as an industry consultant and written columns for a variety of trade publications including Mobile Radio Technology Magazine and The Private Wireless Magazine.

In an October 2008 letter to then-FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, urged Martin to name a successor to Hollingsworth: "The appointment of a replacement Special Counsel in this position is of critical importance to the Amateur Radio Service, as the delay in finalizing the appointment stands to undermine in very short order an exceptionally successful and low-cost program of enforcement in the Amateur Service."

Calling the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program "spectacularly successful," Harrison reminded Martin of the "long period in the late 1980s and 1990s during which the Commission was essentially uninvolved in enforcement in the Amateur Service. The Amateur Service, consisting of some 680,000 licensees of the Commission, is in essence a self-regulating service; however, due to the shared frequency allocations in the Service and the long distance propagation of amateur communications, a very few rule violators can cause severe disruption in the Service. On the other hand, even a minimal Commission presence has a very strong deterrent value."

When Hollingsworth was appointed as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Harrison said that Hollingsworth "established a visible presence in the Service and very quickly, and with very little investment of Commission resources, using little more than the awareness of an enforcement presence, created strong deterrence against rule violations."

Upon learning of Smith's move to the Amateur Radio enforcement role, Harrison remarked that he was "very pleased to see the Commission move forward with the hiring of a new Special Counsel responsible for enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service rules," said Harrison. "Ever since Riley Hollingsworth announced his retirement, we have met with the Enforcement Chief numerous times and corresponded with FCC Chairman Martin to ensure this position remains intact at FCC. The Commission acknowledges the self-regulating environment we maintain, but also understands that we need their assistance occasionally to resolve a few situations. They have continually reassured us that this is an important matter for them, and Ms Smith's hiring confirms that."

From The ARRL Bulletin, No. 8, January 26, 2009

LOTW REACHES 200 MILLION QSOS

On January 16, Vic Kean Jr, K1LT, of Carroll, Ohio, uploaded four years' worth of logs -- about 25,000 QSOs -- to ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw>>. Somewhere in that batch, the LoTW counter crossed the 2 million mark. To celebrate Kean's submission of the 200 millionth QSO, the ARRL has awarded him lifetime free LoTW credits and free ARRL Awards as he qualifies for them.

"When I uploaded all of my contest logs since moving to my current location," Kean said, "I was really surprised at the number of the contacts that were immediately confirmed -- about 30 percent -- especially DXpeditions. I've been very laggard about responding to QSLs that I get. The last batch I did was by printing some card stock on a laser printer."

Kean, who mainly enjoys operating CW on 160 meters, said that he enjoys what he calls "success at contesting through technological superiority," as opposed to superior operating ability. "In other words," he said, "I work at improving my station with technology, and then test those improvements in a contest. I attempt to achieve awards by trying to get into one of the 'Top 10 boxes' in the contest results. Somewhere I have a Worked All States certificate from my youthful days. I worked about 160 countries but never got around to submitting any cards for DXCC." Kean said that he still intends to try and get at least one QSL card from every country.

"Even though we knew that Logbook of The World would explode in its popularity, 201 million QSOs in roughly the first five years of its existence show that LoTW's concept and ideas have worked beyond our expectations," said ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Department Manager Dave Patton, NN1N. "Vic's log contributes not only to the bottom line, but to the overall embrace of the technology and further bolsters our commitment to continue to improve and expand the system."

Kean said that he believes Amateur Radio will certainly continue to change as time goes on, "but I don't expect the hobby to ever completely go away. With cognitive radio coming, there is plenty of opportunity to experiment, even by just writing software. In the long run, I think the rules of spectrum allocation will change, but hopefully the

change will benefit people in general, rather than corporations. If so, there will still be a role for communications experimenters. Man versus the ionosphere will still be interesting, no matter what the spectrum rules are."

When asked if he would encourage other hams to try Logbook of The World, Kean was enthusiastic: "If someone asked me about Logbook, I would tell them, 'Don't worry about it. Logbook of The World works, and it seems to be enjoying much greater popularity than you know.' At least, that's what I just found out!"

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 3, January 23, 2009

FAR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The non-profit Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) <<http://www.amateurradio-far.org/>> is now accepting applications for 48 scholarships for the academic year 2009-2010 to assist radio amateurs pursuing higher education.

FAR fully funds two of scholarships and administers 46 others without cost on behalf of various club and individual donors. Amateur Radio licensees pursuing a full-time course of study beyond high school and accepted by or enrolled in an accredited university, college or technical school are eligible to apply. Scholarship grants range from \$500 to \$5000, and preference in some cases goes to applicants living in particular geographical areas or pursuing certain studies. Non-US residents are eligible to apply for some of the scholarships. FAR encourages clubs -- especially those in California, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin -- to announce these scholarship opportunities at meetings, in newsletters, during training classes, on nets and on their Web sites.

More information and an application form may be requested by letter via e-mail or by sending a QSL card postmarked prior to March 30, 2009, to FAR Scholarships, PO Box 831, Riverdale, MD 20738. The application deadline is May 1, 2009. Headquartered in Washington, DC, FAR consists of more than 75 area Amateur Radio Clubs. FAR is devoted to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 1, January 9, 2009

DESECHEO DXPEDITION READY

Six members of the February 2009 KP5 Desecheo DXpedition team <<http://www.kp5.us/>> met in Puerto Rico the week of December 17-21. According to team co-leader Bob Allphin, K4UEE, the team visited US Fish and Wildlife Headquarters in Boqueron and met with the Chief Refuge Manager and law enforcement personnel in preparation for the DXpedition, set to start February 12.

Desecheo currently sits at number 7 on DX Magazine's Most Wanted list; the island is the second most-wanted DXCC entity in Asia and third most-wanted in Europe. Desecheo is a small uninhabited island in the Mona Passage, 14 miles off the western coast of Puerto Rico. It is part of the USFWS's national wildlife refuge system administered by the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex (CNWR).

"After an evening with local DXers and members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League for dinner and a night of fellowship, DXpedition team members underwent UXO (unexploded ordnance) training," Allphin said. "On December 19, we accompanied US Fish and Wildlife law enforcement and UXO personnel to Desecheo Island. In the three hours we were there, the campsite and antenna fields were thoroughly swept for UXO and several areas were found suspicious. These areas were clearly marked, mapped by GPS and declared off limits for the DXpedition."

Allphin said that the USFWS will allow antennas on the ridge above the helicopter pad, providing a clear shot to Europe, North America and Japan. Other antennas will be located on the beach below the helicopter pad. While on Desecheo, the team conducted a test for the 2 meter link to Puerto Rico.

Logistics and staging of equipment is ongoing and will be complete before the team arrives in Puerto Rico on February 7," Allphin said. "The team will transit to Desecheo on February 12 to begin the two week operation. Eight HF stations, plus 6 meters, will be operational. We have planned an incredible array of antennas. Transportation and logistics have been arranged for a fast deployment and quick appearance on the air. As soon as we land on Desecheo, two stations will be immediately activated. Stations will continue to

operate until the final moments of departure on February 26."

Per USFWS rules, only 15 operators will be allowed on the island at one time. "We have arranged with USFWS to allow a shift change about half way through the DXpedition," Allphin told the ARRL. "This has allowed a number of hams on our waiting list an opportunity to participate in this DXpedition."

DXpedition co-leader Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, said the team will be running CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 meters. "We've had tremendous support from DX organizations all over the world and from numerous equipment and antenna manufacturers," he told the ARRL. "We are diligently working on the propagation studies to reach our hard-to-work areas of Asia and Europe. This plus our planned antennas, we should knock Desecheo off of the Most Wanted List for a long time to come."

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 1, January 9, 2009

AREA AMATEUR EXAM SESSIONS

Amateur radio exam sessions in this area are as follows but please contact the responsible person to be sure that the time and date are accurate.

Wall Township, Camp Evans Area on Marconi Road: Exams are held on the first Saturday of the even numbered months (February 7, 2009) at 10 AM. The contact person is Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com.

Middletown, Croyden Hall on Leonardo Road: Exams are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 PM. The contact person is Mario Sellitti, N2PVP 732-787-7184 or e-mail to n2pvp@n2pvp.com.

Toms River, Riverview Park Recreation Building: Exams are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. The contact person is Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or e-mail to wa2nda@aol.com.

In all cases, the fee is \$15 and you should bring the original and a copy of any amateur license presently held and original and one copy of any credit (CSCE) forms you have. Also bring 2 forms of ID with one being a picture ID.

Two silk worms had a race.
They ended up in a tie.

FIRST TRIPLE PLAY AWARDED

On Thursday, January 15, ARRL officials confirmed that David J. Strout Sr, W2YC, of Williamstown, New Jersey, is the recipient of the very first Triple Play Award <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/05/10490/>>. "Strout received the final needed confirmation -- Hawaii on phone -- just at 2004 UTC on January 15," said ARRL Information Technology Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z. "He applied for the award at 2007 UTC, and it was issued by the Awards Branch at about 2130 UTC." The Triple Play Award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state: CW, phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after January 1, 2009 and must be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>. All bands -- with the exception of 60 meters -- may be used in pursuit of the Triple Play Award.

From *The ARRL Letter*, No. 2, January 16, 2009

OLD BARNEY LIGHTHOUSE

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first lighting and the relighting (1-1-09) of "Old Barney" the Barnegat Lighthouse, the Old Barney Radio Club will be doing something very special!

All Ocean county based Old Barney ARC members are eligible to use N2OB/150 from their own home stations!

Yes, that is the call. The FCC allows a special identifier after the call. Using 150 will be unique for the 150th anniversary.

When: From 0000 UTC December 27th 2008 through 2359 UTC March 31, 2009.

Bands: All bands and modes. One station operational per band/mode.

How: We ask that you schedule your operating times with K2RET. We want to pre-schedule so we don't get more than one N2OB/150 showing up on a band/mode at any given time.

You must operate only within your own license class.

NOTES ON CALENDAR (see last page)

Large call letters denote birthdays e.g., N2TQG February 2. All times are in EST. Contests are listed in the February QST, p. 82.

February 1 and every Sunday – **InfoAge Marconi Hotel** open from 1 to 4 PM on Marconi Road in Wall. Exhibits by QCWA, OMARC, Antique Radio, Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, etc. \$5 donation requested.

February 1 – **QRP SSB Sprint** from 3 PM to 6:59 PM on all HF bands. See www.qrparci.org

February 2 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.

February 3 – **Middletown Pancake House Luncheon** at noon at left rear table. All are welcome.

February 3 – **Old Barney ARC Meeting**, 7:30 PM at Ocean Acres Community Center in Manahawkin, NJ. See <http://www.obarc.org>

February 3 and every following Tuesday – **QCWA News Net** on 147.045 PL=67 at 9:00 PM.

February 4 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 7 PM (10-35 wpm). See February QST, p. 89 or www.arrl.org/w1aw

February 4 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 PM at the MARS Building at Fort Monmouth.

February 5 - **Holiday City ARC meeting** at 7 PM at Holiday City South Clubhouse in Toms River.

Feb. 6-8 – **Ten-Ten Winter Phone QSO Party** from 7:01 PM Friday to 6:59 PM Sunday. See www.ten-ten.org

February 7 – **Freeze Your Butt Off QRP Field Day** from 9 AM to 7 PM, SSB & CW. See www.azscqrptions.org

February 7 – **OMARC VE Session** at the Diana site on Marconi Road in Wall. For more information contact Pat Brannick, N2BZD at 732-267-0308 or e-mail to pbrannick@aol.com

February 7 – **North American CW Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See www.ncjweb.com

- February 9 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.
- February 10 – **VE Test Session** at Croyden Hall, Leonardo section of Middletown at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Mario Sellitti, N2PVP at 732-787-7184 or n2pvp@n2pvp.com
- February 12 – **Jersey Shore Amateur Radio Society (JSARS)** meeting in Riverview Park Recreation Building, Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River at 7:30 PM.
- Feb. 13-14 – **YL-OM Contest**, all modes from 9 AM Friday to 10 PM Saturday. See www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html
- Feb. 13-15 – **CQ WW RTTY WPX** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See www.cqwpqrtty.com
- February 14 – **OMARC Meeting**, 9:00 AM at the Diana Site on Marconi Road, Wall, NJ.
- February 14 – **Monmouth Amateur Radio Club meeting** at 10 AM in Union Beach Police Annex (Municipal Building) on Poole Avenue.
- February 14 – **FISTS CW Winter Sprint** from noon to 4 PM. See www.FISTS.org
- February 14 – **North American SSB Sprint** from 7 PM to 11 PM. See www.ncjweb.com
- February 16 - **Monmouth County ARES Net** meets on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM.
- February 18 – **GSARA Meeting** at 7:30 at the Red Cross, West Park Ave. and Shafto Road in Tinton Falls. Guest speaker is Randy Kulzer, N2CUG on building and using an APRS tracker.
- February 19 – **W1AW Qualifying Run** at 4 PM (10-35 wpm). See February QST, p. 89 or www.arrl.org/w1aw
- February 19 – **JSARS VE Test Session** at 7:30 PM Riverview Park Recreation Bldg., Rt. 527 and Riverwood Drive in Toms River. Contact Ed Genoino, WA2NDA at 609-971-2792 or wa2nda@comcast.net.
- February 20 – **New Providence ARC Auction** at 7 PM. See February QST, p. 100 or www.nparc.org/auction.htm
- Feb. 20-22 – **ARRL CW DX Contest** from 7 PM Friday to 7 PM Sunday. See www.arrl.org/contests
- February 23 – **Monmouth County RACES** on 147.045 +600 at 7:30 PM. RACES members only.
- February 28 – **Neptune Amateur Radio Club Meeting** at 9 AM at the American Legion on Gully Road in Neptune.
- Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – **North American Digital QSO Party** from 1 PM Saturday to 1 AM Sunday. See www.ncjweb.org
- Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – **CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest** from 5 PM Friday to 5 PM Sunday. See www.cq160.com

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If you have not yet paid your dues for 2009 (see mailing label on last page), now is the time to do it. Please pay our treasurer **Joe Dreifuss, W2KQ**. Regular membership is \$15, family membership is \$25, students are \$7.50 and active Military personnel pay no fee (but submit form to show continued interest in belonging). If you wish to have a paper copy of *The Propagator* mailed to you, add \$5 and check this box:

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1 InfoAge QRP SSB Sprint	2 N2TQG ARES/RACES 7:30	3 Pancake House Old Barney ARC QCWA News 9 PM	4 CW Qual. Run GSARA Mtg	5 N2ZZP Hol. City Mtg.	6 10-10 QSO	7 OMARC VE 10-10 QSO FYBO N. A. CW
8 10-10 QSO InfoAge	9 RACES Net 7:30	10 Croyden VE 7 PM QCWA News 9 PM	11	12 JSARS Mtg.	13 YL-OM Cntst. CQ WW RTTY	14 OMARC Mtg. MARC Mtg YL-OM Cntst. CQ WW RTTY FISTS Sprint N. A. SSB Sprint
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